# The Invisible Man

## A Haunting in Curtis Park

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On January 25, 2025, while walking my dogs Champagne and Ire, I received a call on the paranormal hotline. Mary from Curtis Park in Sacramento, California, was on the other end of the line, clearly shaken. She explained that her father, David, had passed away about six months earlier, and only recently strange activity had begun occurring in her home.

Mary said the activity was unsettling and frightening, though she did not feel it was malicious. She believed the presence was her father. While she described the haunting as harmless, she was deeply disturbed and wanted it to stop. Mary explained that her father had been an avid reader, with a personal library that included The Lord of the Rings, 1984, War and Peace, Pride and Prejudice, Don Quixote, and many other books. In his memory, Mary had kept several of his personal belongings: his Bible, many of his books, his eyeglasses, his pocket watch, three pairs of his shoes, and other cherished items.

### The Eyeglasses That Would Not Stay Put

Much of the activity, she said, centered on her father's eyeglasses. On more than one occasion, Mary found the glasses resting on the seat of her father's favorite chair. She knew for a fact that she had placed them on the nightstand before going to bed. Somehow, during the night, they would reappear on the chair. On another evening, she discovered War and Peace opened on the nightstand, with her father's eyeglasses carefully placed on top of the book.

The moment that finally pushed Mary to call for help came one night when she walked down the hallway. She saw the eyeglasses hovering in midair, temples open, positioned at her father's eye level. It was as if someone invisible were wearing them.

"As soon as I saw that, the eyeglasses fell to the floor," Mary told me.

She added, "I love my dad, but that was too much. It scared me to death."

Mary asked me if I had ever seen the movie The Invisible Man. I told her I had. She said that was exactly what it reminded her of — an unseen presence made visible only by an object it carried. She then asked if I had ever encountered anything like this before. My answer was yes.

**The eyeglasses hovered in midair at eye level, as if someone invisible were wearing them, before suddenly dropping to the floor.**

I shared with Mary an experience from my time in the Army, when I visited Oberhofen Castle in Switzerland, located along the shores of Lake Thun. The castle has long been associated with paranormal reports. Tourists and locals alike have described hearing footsteps and seeing shadowy figures. The most famous spirit associated with the castle is Agnes, a young woman who died there. Her ghost is said to wander the grounds in search of her lost love.

Witnesses have reported seeing Agnes as a full-bodied apparition near the lake, sobbing and holding a handkerchief. As she fades away, her body dematerializes until only the handkerchief remains, floating in the air. Agnes becomes "the invisible girl," her presence known only by the object she carries. I explained to Mary that her father's manifestation reminded me strongly of that phenomenon — except instead of a handkerchief, David was using his eyeglasses.

**Investigation, Cleansing, and Blessing**

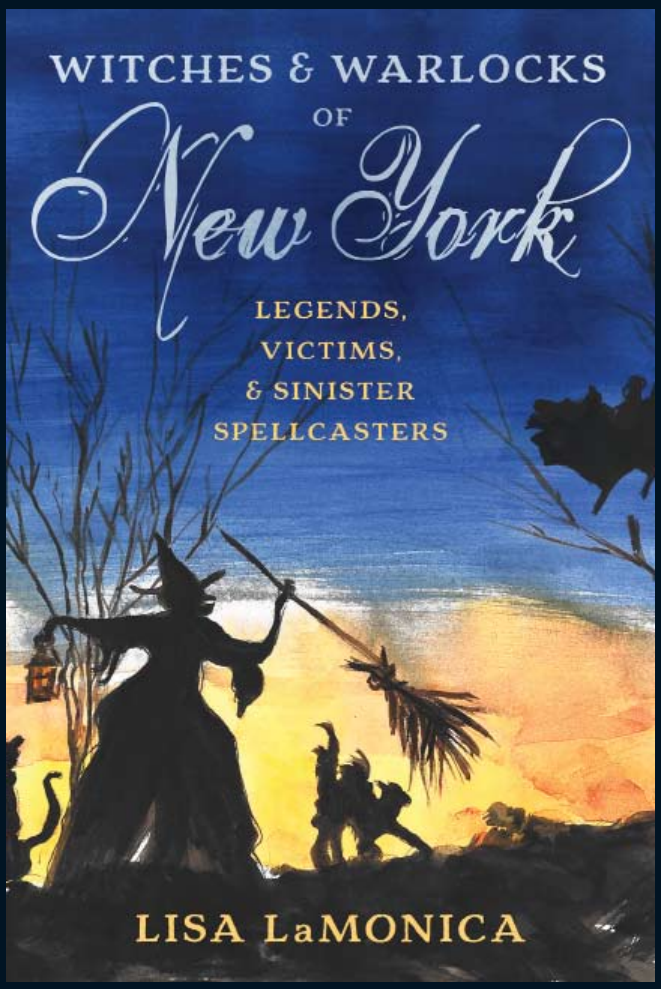
Mary asked if I would come to her home to conduct a blessing and address both the house and her father's personal items. She also asked if it was possible to help her father move on into the light. I agreed and brought along Wish Fire, our psychic medium.

Upon arrival, I conducted a brief investigation to see if I could gather any evidence of paranormal activity. My EMF detector spiked for several minutes near David's eyeglasses. During the session, I also captured a wheezing sound on audio. David had been 87 years old when he passed and suffered from COPD. When Mary listened to the EVP, she became emotional and said her father often wheezed in exactly that way.

Wish Fire detected a strong presence near David's study, which coincided with where I recorded the wheezing EVP. She then performed a metaphysical cleansing of the home, calling upon her spirit guides and angels to assist in guiding this lost soul into a higher dimension — into the light.

Afterward, I conducted a Roman Catholic house blessing, asking the angels to help escort David onward and bring peace to the home. ◆

**Oberhofen Castle, perched along the shores of Lake Thun, is long rumored to be haunted by a sorrowful spirit who appears and vanishes without warning.**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